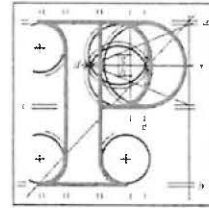


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**An
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Bray Retailers Group (BRG)
c/o Liam McGarry
19 Main Street
Bray
Co. Wicklow

Date: 01 August 2024

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre.


Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The Board will take into consideration the points made in your submission.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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C/O 19 MAIN STREET

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11/7/2024

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DEAR SIR/MADAM

BUS CONNECT PROJECT, BRAY

MODULE FROM WILFORD ROUNDABOUT TO BASE OF BRAY BRIDGE :

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF APPEAL.

BRG IS DISMAYED AT THE LACK OF AN ORAL HEARING

WE HAVE BEEN CANVASSING OPINION AND IDEAS SINCE MARCH HAVING REGARD TO THE EXTRA TRAFFIC ANTICIPATED WITH THE INCIPIENT TOWN AND CENTRE S/C AND THE FOUR OR FIVE MAJOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS A BUILDING. WITH THREE OF THESE BEING ON THE OLD DUBLIN ROAD BRAY IS A DESIGNATED METROPOLITAN GROWTH TOWN AND BRAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (BRAY, ENNISKERRY AND , KILMACANOGUE) IS FORECAST TO EXCEED A POP. OF 50000 BY 2034 -- A SMALL CITY IN EU TERMS AND POSITIONED FOR ALL MANNER OF EU FUNDING

BRAY IS VERY HEAVILY CONGESTED: MORNING, MIDDAY, AND EVENING.

APPROX. EIGHT HOURS IN ALL AND COSTING ABOUT TWO MILLION EURO P.A , (DUBLIN 336 MILLION EURO P.A.)

BRG DISAGREES WITH THE PROPOSED SIGNALISING OF THE WILFORD R/A, ANY AND ALL CONGESTION IS CAUSED BY THE POOR LAYOUT AT OLD CONNA INTERSECTION; THE BADLY LOCATED BUS HALF PLAYING NO SMALL PART IN THE BACKING UP TO WILFORD R/A.

FROM THE CLOSED OFF SECTION OF THE R/A BRG WISH TO SEE A NEW ROAD FROM THE EASTERN WALL, BRG ENVISAGE A ROAD PROCEEDING TO A POINT ADJACENT TO THE RAIL LINES TURNING DUE SOUTH PARALLEL

TO A NEW TRANSPORT HUB ON THE C.I.E. SIDINGS (DISUSED) AND THE CARLISLE GROUNDS SITE.



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ROUNDABOUTS— ADDITIONAL ONES ARE DESIRABLE IN THIS MODULE.

AT WILFORD — AS IS
AT OLD CONNA INTERSECTION
AT INDUSTRIAL YARNS SITE (SCHOOLS ROAD, LIDL ROAD, AND THE RAVENSWELL
COMPLEX (SEE DETAILS IN DRAFT)
AT OR IN THE VICINITY OF BRAY BRIDGE

LEFT HAND TURNING SIGNAGE INDICATING L/H TURNS AS A ROUTINE FOR TRAFFIC
EXITING FROM SIDE ROADS:

EXAMPLES

FROM BEECH ROAD TURNING LEFT TO OLD CONNA R/A
FROM THE OLD WICKLOW/DUBLIN ROAD TURNING LEFT TO THE INDUSTRIAL YARNS
SITE R/A

BRG WOULD LIKE THE BORD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY
WAS DESIGNED IN 1953 AND BRAY REQUIRES A FUTURE PROOFED HOLISTIC
SOLUTIONS TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND
SIDE ROAD EXITING AND STALLED VEHICLES THAT PASSES FOR TRAFFIC FLOW
MANAGEMENT IN 2024 •

BRG IS MINDFUL OF THE SAFETY FACTORS FOR PEDESTRIANS. SAFETY IS OF
PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE PARTICULARLY. AT ROUNDABOUTS, SHOULD BRAY HAVE A
ROUNDABOUT ROUTINE FROM WILFORD TO THE BRAY BRIDGE BUILT IN 1856 IT IS
POSSIBLE TO FORESEE TRAFFIC ENTERING AT BRAY NORTH PROCEEDING WITH
RELATIVE EASE TO A FIRST SET OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE MAIN STREET,
QUINSBORO ROAD AND HERBERT ROAD. FLOW INDEED!•

BRG WAS A SINGLE ACTOR IN THE SECURING THE NEW TOWN AND S/C SINCE 1996
AND IS A SINGLE ACTOR IN THE PURSUIT OF TRAFFIC ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY
SOLUTIONS

WE REFER THE BORD TO OUR ENCLOSED FIRST DRAFT PLAN

LIAM MC GARRY (SEC.)

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF BRAY RETAILERS GROUP (400 PLUS) RETAILERS.

TRAFFIC ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY PLAN (FIRST DRAFT)

BRG WISHES TO SEE ELEVEN MORE ROUNDABOUTS IN BRAY IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING TEN WHICH WORK WELL BY AND LARGE A TOTAL OF 21

NORTH OF RIVER

WILFORD AS IS AND NOT SIGNALISED AT OLD CONNA
AT INDUSTRIAL YARNS; WITH THE SCHOOLS ROADS, LIDL AND THE POSSIBILITY OF
THE RAVENSWELL COMPLEX BEING REALIGNED INTO SAID R/A AT SUPERVALU
CASTLE STREET
AT THE BASE OF BRAY BRIDGE IF THE TOPOGRAPHY ALLOWS

SOUTH OF BRAY BRIDGE

AT TESCO (VEVAY RD) CHARNWOOD AND SAN SOUCI
WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A REALIGNMENT OF LORETO SCHOOL ROAD AND MAIN
EXIT GATE INTO SAID R/A.
AT THE VEVAY R.C. CHURCH AND PUTLAND RD IN T JUNCTION
AT THE BOGHALL ROAD AND VEVAY ROAD TJUNCTION
A MODIFIED R/A AT SUPERVALU ON THE SOUTHERN CROSS ROAD
FACILITATING A ROUND BRAY BUS SERVICE
IN THE MIDDLE OF BOCHALL ROAD DEERPARK ROAD T JUNCTION FACILITATING A
ROUND BRAY BUS SERVICE
AT KILLARNEY ROAD (BALLYWALTRIM AND BOGHALL ROAD AND KILBRIDE LANE)IN A
FIGURE EIGHT OR APPROPRIATE SHAPE AT THIS AREA (ALDI)

ONE WAS SYSTEMS

VEVAY HILL (ROAD, CHURCH ROAD AND PART OF KILLARNEY ROAD SUITABLE FOR
TWO LANE TRAFFIC- ONE LANE BUS ONE LANE OTHER TOGETHER WITH CYCLES
LANES; REGULAR OR COUNTERFLOW WHERE APPLICABLE AND SAFE •
THIS CONFIGURATION BASICALLY TURNS A CONGESTED TRIANGLE OF THREE ROADS
INTO A TWO LANE GREATER ROUNDABOUT . THIS IDEA WAS TRIALED ALMOST THREE
DECADES AGO AND WAS ABANDONED

SEAPOINT ROAD (HILL)

SUITABLE FOR A ONE WAY EASTWARDS UP THE SEAPOINT HILL TRAFFIC AND EASE
OF FLOW WHEN THE NEW SIDE BRIDGES FOR
PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS IS BUILT.

BRG DOES NOT SEE A SET OF LIGHTS HERE WITH EXITING TRAFFIC FROM THE
MALTINGS TURNING LEFT TO NEAREST R/A.



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NEW BRIDGES AND MODIFICATION TO EXISTING BRAY BRIDGE (1856)

BRG ENVISAGE TWO NEW BRIDGES AND THE MODIFICATION OF THE DARGLE RIVER BRIDGE (1856)

BRIDGE NUMBER ONE

AT OR NEAR THE HARBOUR AREA OVER THE DARGLE RIVER TO SERVICE A NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT HUB ON THE COMBINED C.I.E. SIDINGS AND THE CARLISLE GROUNDS PLAYING PITCH (ACRES) AREA. THIS HUB COULD PROVIDE :

A DEDICATED MAINLINE

TWO DART LINES TWO LUAS LINES

SET DOWNS, TAXI AREAS, CHARGING POINTS, CYCLE BAYS, ETC, ETC. ETC.

BRIDGE NUMBER TWO-

FROM THE NII; PROXIMATE TO LA VALLEE/OLD SILVER BRIDGE AREA TO THE AREA PROXIMATE TO THE ARDMORE STUDIOS COMPLEX

MODIFICATION OF EXISTING RIVER DARGLE BRIDGE 19 56) AREA

A. TAKING AWAY THE TWO EXISTING FOOTPATHS THUS

ALLOWING TWO LANES UP AND ONE LANE DOWN TO CASTLE STREET (TWO WAY)

B. TWO MIXED PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE LANES ON EACH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE (1956) IN

LIEU OF THE PROJECTED PEDESTRIAN ONLY SIDE BRIDGES

IN GENERAL BRG APPRECIATES THAT IS A W. C.C. PROBLEM AREA:

BRG IS ADVOCATING THE REMOVAL OF THE TWO DISUSED DERELICT STORES

ATTACHED TO THE COURTHOUSE (1841) IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES

ANCILLARY WORKS MEAN A NEW SPACE IN FRONT OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE WITH

THE PUSHING BACK OF THE THOMPSON MEMORIAL TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE A

CYCLE LANE AND A BETTER PLACED BUS HALT AT THE ROYAL HOTEL WHICH AT

PRESENT CAUSES BACK UP TO CASTLE STREET ON A REGULAR BASIS.

BRG WOULD LIKE TO SEE SEAPOINT ROAD MADE ONE WAY EASTWARDS

AND TRAFFIC EXITING THE MALTINGS TURNING LEFT TO THE ROUNDABOUT

BRAY AND ENVIRONS TRAFFIC ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY PLAN

BUS CONNECT PROJECT

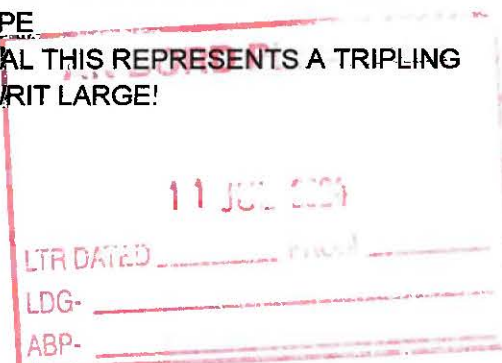
BRG REITERATES ITS SUPPORT BUT HAS RESERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS (MAIN LETTER)

BRG CAN SHOW SUITABLE AREAS FOR BUS LANES

THE EXTRA METERAGE FOR BUS LANES IDENTIFIED WOULD GIVE TWICE AS MUCH

LANE METERAGE AGAIN ALBEIT WITH SOME BLOCKAGES AND INTERRUPTED LANES INHERENT IN AN OLD TOWN STREETScape

TOGETHER WITH THE CURRENT PROPOSAL THIS REPRESENTS A TRIPLING UP OF THE LANES IN TOTAL. BUS FLOW WRIT LARGE!



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THE LUAS EXTENSION

BRG WOULD REMIND THE BORD THAT THEIt's writing what I'm saying sugar his career
LUAS EXTENSION FROM CHERRYWOOD TO BRAY WAS MOOTED IN 2002 AND
PROMISED FOR 2016

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MASSIVE COMMUTER CAR GROWTH

BRG HAS SCENARIOS IF AND WHEN THE LUAS ARRIVES

WITH THE TEN MINS. RELIABILITY AND TEN MINS. WALKABILITY MANTRA

ALSO IN MIND IS THE POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO THE C B D

3 SCENARIOS WITH LUAS IF AND WHEN:

LUAS PROCEEDS ACROSS THE STATION PLAZA, UP FLORENCE ROAD TO WITHIN 80
METERS OF THE MAIN STREET T JUNCTION .

LUAS PROCEEDS UP QUINSBORO ROAD TO THE EGLINTON ROAD ROAD, GALTRIM
PARK ROAD AND Q ROAD INTERSECTION (DUNNES STORES) •

AS IN 2 ABOVE BUT PROCEEDS ACROSS GALERIM PARK ROAD AND STOPS METERS
SHORT OF THE SEAPOINT ROAD T JUNCTION•

THERE IS POTENTIAL AT THIS POINT FOR A FOOTBRIDGE TO BE IN PLACE

FACILITATING ALL OF LITTLE BRAY AND THE HUGE BALLYMORE

SEA GARDENS DEVELOPMENT 1400 UNITS.

FINALLY ITS MAKES HUGE SENSE FOR THE LUAS TO BE EXTENDED BOTH TO

BRAY AND THE NEW FASSAROE (NEW PARK AND RIDE ALMOST COMPLETE)

A WORKABLE MODUS VIVENDI WOULD BE FOR EVERY SECOND LUAS FROM DUBLIN
TO END IN BRAY OR FASSAROE

TRAFFIC ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY PLAN

MAJOR NEW MAIN TRANSPORT HUB AFTER THE EUROPEAN MODEL AT THE DISUSED
C.I.E. SIDINGS AND THE CARLISLE GROUNDS SITE. BRG WOULD LIKE TO SEE A HUB
DEVELOPED ON THIS SITE TO ACCOMMODATE MAIN LINE, DART AND LUAS (IN TIME)
TOGETHER WITH A BUS DEPOT A COACH DEPOT, TAXI RANKS, SETDOWNS, CYCLE
BAYS, CHARGING POINTS, ETC, ETC THE SITE WOULD BE ACCESSED BY A NEW ROAD
EASTWARDS FROM THE WILFORD R/A TO THE TRACKS AND THEN SOUTHWARDS TO
THE CARLISLE HUB SITE OVER TWO NEW BRIDGES

PLEASE SEE MAP

1. BRIDGE OVER THE DARGLE RIVER UPSTREAM FROM THE PRESENT
NARROW HARBOUR BRIDGE

2. BRIDGE FROM THE N11 TO AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE ARDMORE STUDIOS
COMPLEX

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10.

A RATIONALISING OF THE ROAD NETWORK AROUND THE HUB COULD BE WARRANTED GIVEN THE PROBABLE PROBABILITY OF A NEAR CLOSURE OF THE RAILWAY GATES DUE TO DARTS RUNNING AT SEVEN MINUTE INTERVALS WITH ATTENDANT GATE DOWN TIMES IN PLAY

ECONOMICS

THE HUB COULD ACCOMMODATE 400 TO 800 NEW HOUSING UNITS WITH THE EXISTING RAILWAY STATION ALSO ON PLAY WITH , OVER THE STATION DEVELOPMENT -- **400 to 800** HOUSING UNITS.

ROUND BRAY AND ENVIRONS BUS SERVICES

BRG WISHES THE BOARD AND THE PLANNERS TO APPRECIATE THE NATURE OF THE RESEARCH AND CONSULTATIONS WITHIN BRAY IN EVOLVING THE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY PLAN WHILST OUR PLAN ENVISAGED BRAY ONLY INITIALLY IT NOW EMBRACES THE ENVIRONS I.E..THE THREE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WOODBROOK SHANGANAGH AREA. - 1350 TO 1400 UNITS WITH A POP. OF 4000 TO 5000 RESIDENTS.

IN ADDITION WE FORESEE AN EXTENSION OF THE SERVICES TO THE NEW FASSAROE ALMOST CONTIGUOUS WITH ENNISKERRY - 2150 TO 2550 AND POP. OF 6000 TO 9500 OUR DRAWING SHOWS THE GOAL OF MEETING TEN MINUTES WALKABILITY MANTRA OF TRAFFIC PLANNERS . WE, REFER TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR A TRIPLING UP OF THE LINEAR METERAGE FOR A GREATLY ENHANCED BUS CONNECT SERVICE EU FUNDING (GRANTS AND LOANS) WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS WOULD THE REQUISITE EXPERTISE AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITY. THE PROPOSED NEW SERVICES WOULD COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING STATE RUN SERIES

BRAY AND ENVIRONS TRAFFIC ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY PLAN

THIS IS A FIRST DRAFT SUMMARY
BRG NEED TO CONDUCT MORE CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INTEREST GROUPS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS FOR A SECOND AND FINAL DRAFT WHICH WE INTEND PRESENTING TO BRAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AT THEIR OCTOBER MEETING
THIS DRAFT NEEDS FINESSING BUT SHOWS THAT WE REQUIRE A HOLISTIC AND FUTURE PROOFED PLAN FOR BRAY
CONGESTION, COMMERCIAL STAGNATION, AND ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY ARE SO LAST CENTURY

SUMMARY

BUS CONNECT

ONE WAY SYSTEMS

ROUNDAABOUTS

LEFT HAND TURNINGS TO ROUNDAABOUTS ROUTINE

TWO NEW BRIDGES

LUAS

CARLISLE GROUNDS TRANSPORT EURO STYLE HUB WITH NEW ROAD INTO
30 AND 50 KPH ZONES

BUS CONNECT
PROPOSED X METERS
EXTENDED/FACTOR OF
3
FROM 1ST PROPOSAL

FUTURE
POTENTIAL
BUS
LANES



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ROUND BRAY BUS SERVICES

TRIALS

- A Clockwise ONLY
- B THERMAMI Clockwise
- C To SULLCASTER + WOODFORD
- D To SHANKILL CHURCH
- E To CHERRY

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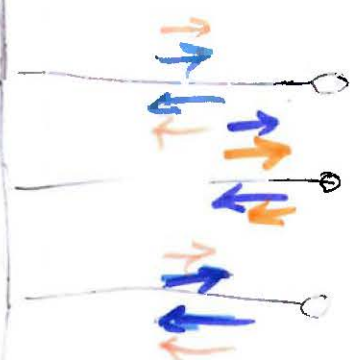
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SHANKILL CHURCH.

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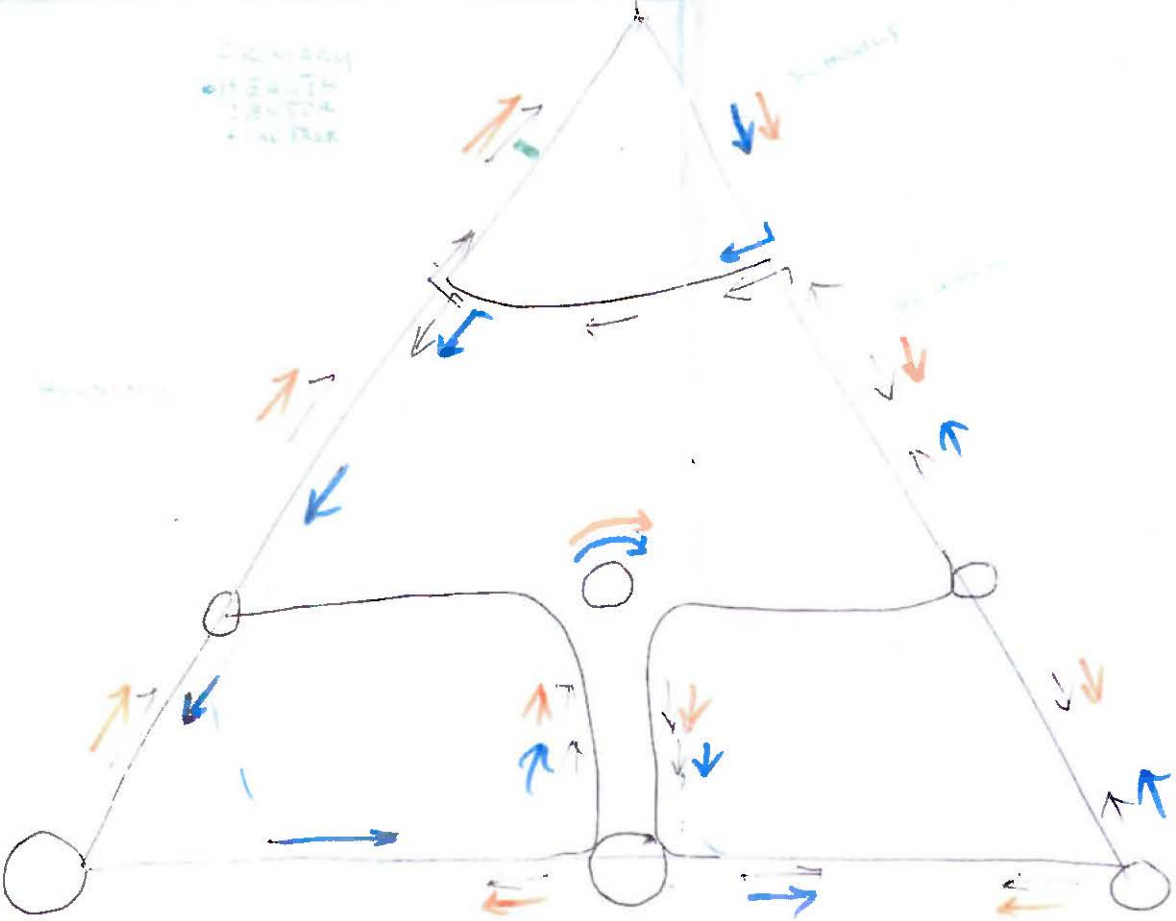
DARGLE

To GIBBS TOWER
KILCOCKE, NEWTOWN
To NEWTOWN KILMAC
To FASSAROE FERRIER



DART
STATION
TERMINUS

TERMINUS. (AT DEAGZ (DIGNITY))



S.C.R.



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DEVELOPMENTS
ON
OLD DUBLIN
ROAD

NEW
Station

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ONE WAY SYSTEM.

TRAFFIC

2024

VEVAY HILL / CHURCH RD / KILLARNEY ROAD.

— ONE WAY SYSTEM

— BASICALLY TRIANGLE BECOMING ROUNDABOUT

— 2 LANES (1 BUS AND 1 GENERAL TRAFFIC

PLUS BICYCLE LANES

SET DOWNS

COMMON GOOD

FLUIDITY OF MOVEMENT

LESS CONGESTION

LESS POLLUTION — PROXIMITY OF SCHOOLS
30 KPH

WIDER SAFER FOOTPATHS

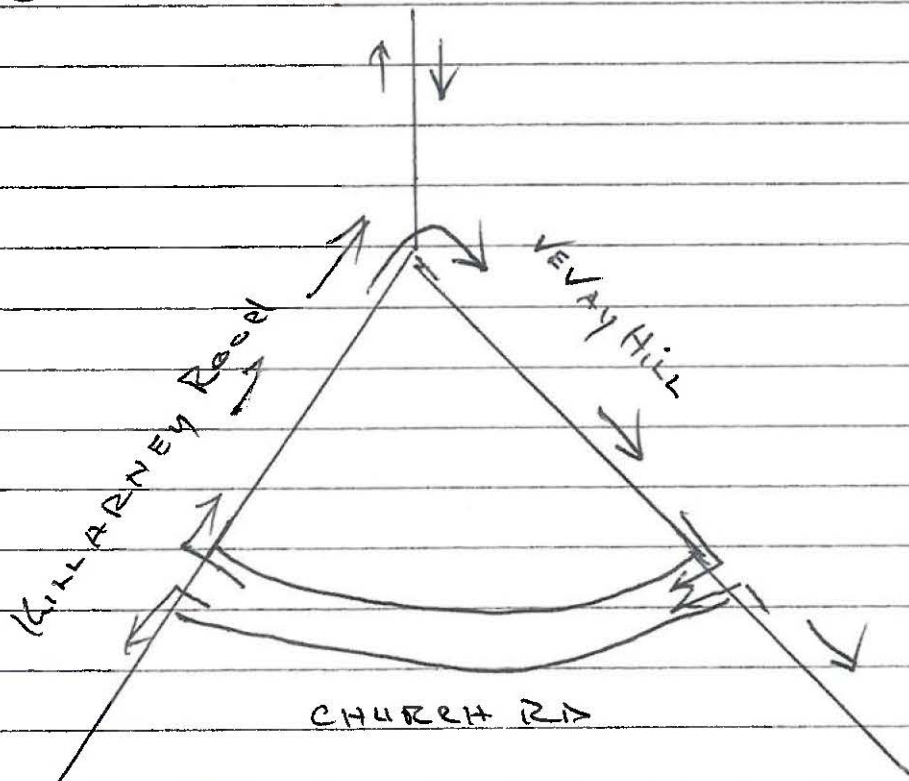
CONTRA FLOW CYCLISTS (NO E-SCOOTERS!)

INCREASE BUS CORRIDOR METERAGE

BRING BUSES INTO PROXIMITY OF

AVONDARE, ARDMORE, FAIRY HILL
KING ED. RD ETC, ETC

COMMON GOOD!



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